

Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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SANBAG Remembers Daniel Mikesell



Supervisor Daniel D. Mikesell, prominent community and political figure in Southern California.

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Daniel Mikesell, who is credited with creating what became San Bernardino Associated Governments, died Monday, November 12 at age 97.

Mikesell is most well known for his positions as county supervisor and mayor of Ontario from 1960-1962.

In addition to creating SANBAG, Mikesell played an active role in his community. He helped organize and lead a number of organizations on the community, county, state and federal levels such as Friends of the Ontario Airport and the California Wildlife Federation.

In a recent *San Bernardino Sun* article, Paul Leon, current mayor for the City of Ontario said, "He was, in my book, the very first Inland Empire consummate politician, many of us have learned from his methods of leadership in the region."

The I-15/I-10 interchange is named after Mikesell in honor of his commitment to linking the cities of Ontario and Fontana.

Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline,
I-877-215-NEWS.



5th Street Bridgework Light for the Holidays

During the month of November, construction continued on the 5th Street bridge and surrounding streets.

Crews began forming the approaches, which are streets connecting to the bridge ramps, to meet the height of the new bridge. In addition, utility and gutter work continued on the nearby streets.



During November, crews flattened the street connectors to the bridge.

Because of the holidays, construction plans will be light during the month of December. Work will continue on the approaches and ongoing utility work and paving of the roads will occur throughout the month.

In addition, removal of the bridge façade will take place in preparation for the full demolition of the south side of the bridge early next year.

Street improvements at 5th, H, and J Streets will continue in December and the coming months, with freeway and street closures issued as necessary.

Caltrans Begins Monthly Business Meetings For Phase 2

On November 13, Caltrans began holding monthly meetings with businesses in San Bernardino to discuss their portion of the I-215 Widening Project.

Caltrans will be leading the construction set to take place between Orange Show Road and Rialto Avenue on the I-215 in early 2008. During the construction, some businesses in the area will be affected by ramp closures and detours. Caltrans and other project representatives will be present at the meetings to answer questions and address the concerns of the business community.

This segment of the project includes the addition of two lanes in each direction between Orange Show Road and Rialto Avenue, improved on- and off-ramps and newly built bridges at Orange Show Road, Mill Street and Inland Center Drive.

If you are interested in attending a Caltrans business meeting, the next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 18 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Orange Show Fairgrounds near Gate 9. These meetings will continue to take place the third Thursday of every month, with the exception of December.